Oi... do you have any business at this clinic?

...Excuse me?

Huh~? Huuuh~?!

Ah...no! No!!!

We...we came the wrong way!

We...we're off now. Have a nice day!

...Pfft

(?)_

...Sir.

How long must we stay here?

I don't know. Boss gave orders to cut down the amount of patients going to the clinic to ensure that we could bring the vet whenever the boss needs him

I wonder what the vet is doing?

Looks like he's playing with the cat

It's almost dinner time... Shall we head back now?

Sir! How does Korean BBQ sound for dinner?

Sounds good

Ani...you serious?

But...you know how much it means to mi...

Ido. And how many times have I told you?

I hate the smell of animal paint!!

Heart of a Companion

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You mean, "Of course, sir!"
... Of course, sir.
Snacks three times a day?
Of course, sir.
A new cat tower? With five floors!
Of course, sir.
Lots of toys and catnip every day!
Of course, sir.
Lastly...

Cough
Cough
Cough

!

Cough
Cough

Pregnant?
seroperitoneum?

...!

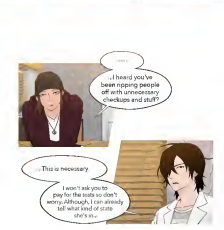
Since when has she been like this?
What were you doing until she got to this state?!
Man! You scared me.

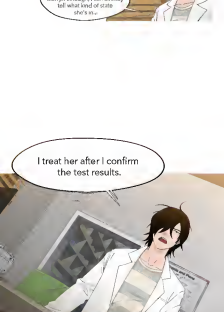
I don't know. I work so I don't spend much time at home...
She was always a little plump and I thought she'd gained a little weight or something.

Has she thrown up? Or has she been only coughing?
Tell me about it. When I got home in the morning, I just have thrown up all over the place and I'd have to spend time cleaning it up when I could be resting.
Ha- food costs a ton and she throws it all up...

Have you seen blood in her urine recently?
Ah! That's exactly why I came here.
You're really as good as the rumors say.

First, we have to do a blood test and an ultrasound to check if we can remove the blood from her stomach


...I heard you've been ripping people off with unnecessary checkups and stuff?
...This is necessary.
I won't ask you to pay for the tests so don't worry. Although, I can already tell what kind of state she's in...


I treat her after I confirm the test results.

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Dammit!

...of all the things.

cream

You little!
Ch?!

Die! Die! Die!
Drip

.....

Not worried at all?
I got rid of all the blood from her stomach
Ch?

So are you finished? Can I go home now?

You can go home but it looks like she won't. Her nutrition is a mess. She has severe anemia and her liver index is also extremely high.

We need to perform a thrombectomy, give her liver medication and iron supplements immediately. Blood transfusion would also help.

Ah... Isn't that really expensive?
Just give her an IV drip
.....

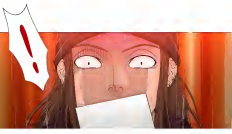
The blood test results show that there are worms in her blood
...worms?

Heartworm.

Puridan ma?
Is that... some worm or something?
It's an internal parasite spread by mosquitoes.
There's an incubation period of about 3~4 months when it lays dormant, so it's hard to tell.

Once the preliminary symptoms begin, it often requires long-term treatment.
Sudden deaths after heartworm infections are rare, but the lifespan of heartworms are around 4~5 years so animals with heartworms suffer for a long time
The best way to tackle Heartworm is to prevent it by vaccination.

Ah...I didn't know that there was a vaccination for that.. A friend who's out of the country gave me the dog. She's the first pet I've had.



Heartworm.
Critical. Final stage.

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